Senate Amendment 3361

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           Amend Senate File 458 as follows:
           #1. Page 6, by inserting after line 11 the
     3 following:
            ____. UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST FUND. There is
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     5 appropriated from moneys transferred to the state on
     6 March 13, 2002, pursuant to section 903(d) of the 7 federal Social Security Act, as amended, to the
     8 department of workforce development, the following
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     9 amount, to be deposited, under the direction of the
  1 10 department of workforce development, in the
  1 11 unemployment compensation fund for the payment of
  1 12 unemployment benefits and for the establishment of the
    13 unemployment compensation reserve fund:
                                                               ... $ 40,000,000
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           Sec. ____. UNEMPLOYMENT TAX AND CLAIM SYSTEM.
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 1 16 There is appropriated from moneys transferred to the 1 17 state on March 13, 2002, pursuant to section 903(d) of 1 18 the federal Social Security Act, as amended, to the
  1 19 department of workforce development, the following
  1 20 amount for purposes of automation and technology for
  1 21 the unemployment tax and claim system:
  1 22 ..... $ 20,000,000 1 23 Sec. ___. ENHANCED SERVICES TO CLAIMANTS. There
  1 24 is appropriated from moneys transferred to the state
  1 25 on March 13, 2002, pursuant to section 903(d) of the
    26 federal Social Security Act, as amended, to the 27 department of workforce development the following
  1 28 amount for purposes of infrastructure improvements and
  1 29 the administrative and technology costs associated
    30 with enhanced services to unemployment benefit
  1 31 claimants for workforce and labor exchange services:
  1 32 ..... $ 20,700,000>
1 33 #2. Page 7, by inserting after line 2 the
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    34 following:
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                  Section 96.9, Code 2003, is amended by
  1 36 adding the following new subsection:
          <u>NEW SUBSECTION</u>. 8. UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION
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  1 38 RESERVE FUND.
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           a. A special fund to be known as the unemployment
  1 40 compensation reserve fund is created in the state
  1 41 treasury. The reserve fund is separate and distinct
  1 42 from the unemployment compensation fund. All moneys
  1 43 collected as reserve contributions, as defined in 1 44 paragraph "b", shall be deposited in the reserve fund.
  1 45 The moneys in the reserve fund may be used for the
 1 46 payment of unemployment benefits and shall remain
1 47 available for expenditure in accordance with the
1 48 provisions of this subsection. The treasurer of state
  1 49 shall be the custodian of the reserve fund and shall
    50 disburse the moneys in the reserve fund in accordance 1 with this subsection and the directions of the
     2 director of the department of workforce development.
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           b. If the balance in the reserve fund on July 1 of
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     4 the preceding calendar year for calendar year 2004 and
     5 each year thereafter is less than one hundred fifty
     6 million dollars, a percentage of contributions, as 7 determined by the director, shall be deemed to be 8 reserve contributions for the following calendar year.
     9 If the percentage of contributions, termed the reserve
    10 contribution tax rate, is not zero percent as 11 determined pursuant to this subsection, the combined
  2 12 tax rate of contributions to the unemployment
    13 compensation fund and to the unemployment compensation
    14 reserve fund shall be divided so that a minimum of
  2 15 fifty percent of the combined tax rate equals the
  2 16 unemployment contribution tax rate and a maximum of
    17 fifty percent of the combined tax rate equals the
  2 18 reserve contribution tax rate except for employers who
  2 19 are assigned a combined tax rate of five and four=
    20 tenths. For those employers, the reserve contribution
    21 tax rate shall equal zero and their combined tax rate
  2 22 shall equal their unemployment contribution rate.
  2 23 When the reserve contribution tax rate is determined
  2 24 to be zero percent, the unemployment contribution rate
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2 25 for all employers shall equal one hundred percent of
2 26 the combined tax rate. The reserve contributions
2 27 collected in any calendar year shall not exceed fifty 2 28 million dollars. The provisions for collection of
2 29 contributions under section 96.14 are applicable to
  30 the collection of reserve contributions. Reserve
  31 contributions shall not be deducted in whole or in 32 part by any employer from the wages of individuals in
2 33 its employ. All moneys collected as reserve
  34 contributions shall not become part of the 35 unemployment compensation fund but shall be deposited
2 36 in the reserve fund created in this subsection.
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          c. Moneys in the reserve fund shall only be used
  38 to pay unemployment benefits to the extent moneys in
2 39 the unemployment compensation fund are insufficient to
2 40 pay benefits during a calendar quarter.
2 41 d. The interest earned on the moneys in the 2 42 reserve fund shall be deposited in and credited to the
2 43 reserve fund.
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          e. Moneys from interest earned on the unemployment
  45 compensation reserve fund shall be used by the
2 46 department only upon appropriation by the general
2 47 assembly and only for purposes contained in section 2 48 96.7, subsection 12, for department of workforce 2 49 development rural satellite offices, and for
  50 administrative costs to collect the reserve
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   1 contributions.>
          #3. Page 9, by inserting after line 23 the
    3 following:
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          <___. The amendment to section 96.9.>
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